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**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

June 4, 2019 AOE Offices, Barre

*VSBPE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in  
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning*

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** E. Remmers (arrived at 9:06), J. Fribush, R. Baker, T. Young, B. Cleland, D. Younce, BA Repchick, C. Latulippe, J. Hill, S. Quinn, C. Cole

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** A. McMullen; R. Reardon

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ron Ryan, Terry Reilly, Amy Scalabrini, Ellen Cairns, Deb Giles

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** L. Jepson, VTC; Y. Hanna; D. McGough, EPIC; C. Bedell, EPIC

**CALL TO ORDER:** J. Fribush called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to amend the agenda to add a second waiver request made by R. Baker.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019 by R. Baker.

Seconded by B. Cleland.

Motion approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

[Memorandum](#) shared from Patricia Moulton, President at Vermont Technical College.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lyle Jepson, VTC expressed concerns of recent closings of private and public institutions and asked what the role of the AOE and VSBPE is regarding new programs and ensuring open ROPA approved programs are sustainable.

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

R. Baker has completed her second three-year term with the VSBPE.

J. Hill submitted his resignation to the VSBPE.

B. Cleland has completed her first term with the VSBPE and has applied for a second term.

## **STAFF REPORT:**

R. Ryan thanked Jeremy and Roberta for their hard work on the Board.

J. Fribush has asked the AOE to supply data on licensing trends from 2015 – 2019.

## **WAIVER REQUEST:**

### **Superintendent Waiver Request – A. Minor**

Waiver request for Y. Hanna for Modern and Classical Language.

Motion made by J. Fribush to approve the waiver request for Y. Hanna to accept evidence and testing already done as evidence of mastery in Arabic.

Seconded by R. Baker.

Motion approved.

### **Superintendent Waiver Request – S. Bollard**

Motion made by J. Fribush to approve the waiver request to Rule 5351 for A.P. A provisional license will be issued (following completion of the online application) with a special education endorsement ending June 30, 2021 with the following restrictions/conditions:

- License restricted to Central VT SU
- The teacher will be provided weekly supervision from the Director of Special Services
- Weekly supervision includes meeting time with A.P. and the Director of Special Services and direct observation of A.P. in her role.
- Weekly meetings will include at least: review of student progress, feedback/intervention on observations made in providing instruction, and “lesson plan” implementation.
- The teacher cannot make decisions regarding legal, curricular and assessment, and cannot develop IEPs. These activities must be done by a licensed special educator. However, as a member of the IEP team can provide collaborative problem-solving.
- Additionally, A.P. will need to complete a plan for obtaining the initial license and the District will send to the Agency the plan for mentoring.

Seconded by C. Cole.

Motion approved.

## **EPIC Annual Report:**

C. Bedell and D. McGough presented the [EPIC Annual Report](#).

The Annual Conference included 9 presenters from diverse educator preparation programs. Approximately 40 attendees.

**J. Fribush moved to accept the minor changes suggested by EPIC and commended them for their continued efforts towards improving the Vermont Licensure Portfolio (VLP).**

**Seconded by R. Baker.**

**Motion approved.**

## **ETS Praxis Updates**

T. Reilly presented [slides](#) on changes made to the Praxis Core and SLLA exam that the Board voted to continue to use at their last meeting.

## **VTC Driver's Education Updates:**

L. Jepson spoke about the results from a survey he collected regarding the Driver's Education endorsement.

The Board discussed the teacher shortage area for Driver's Education.

R. Ryan suggested the AOE staff discuss options and present to the Board at the August meeting.

## **Continuing Education Courses for Licensure/Endorsements**

In order to facilitate an informed discussion, AOE staff will gather data to present at the next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:**

**T. Young made a motion that the VSBPE act to accept the newly drafted Specialized Literacy endorsement. Seconded by BA Repchick.**

**Motion amended by J. Fribush to keep endorsements 76 - Reading/English Language Arts Specialist and 78 - Reading/English Language Arts Coordinator. The Specialized Literacy endorsement will be issued a new number and both old endorsements will be sunsetted. Educators who hold a 76 or 78 endorsement can keep them, renew them, or reinstate them, and no new ones will be issued.**

Seconded by B. Cleland.  
9 approved, 2 opposed.  
Motion approved.

B. Cleland moved to place Norwich's educator preparation program on conditional approval until a follow up ROPA review with the ROPA Coordinator and one additional person in the Spring of 2020.

Seconded by T. Young.

C. Latulippe recused herself.

Motion approved.

T. Young moved the VSBPE to accept Goddard's contingency teach out plan.

Seconded by C. Latulippe.

Motion approved.

### **ACT 1 Update**

No new information to share.

### **August Agenda Items**

Act 1

Election of officers

Transfer credits – follow up from Terry

Driver's Ed

Orientation – Clare

Licensure trends

VTC letter update (legal)

Summer conference updates

Meeting adjourned by consensus 12:29pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Amy Scalabrini.